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MICHIGAN IMPLEMENTS NEW JUVENILE JUSTICE ON-LINE SYSTEM STATEWIDE

System will automate and streamline state's case management system

Lansing, MI July 23, 2001 – The Family Independence Agency (FIA) Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) has implemented the first phase of a juvenile justice on-line technology system (JJOLT) that was developed by Global Vision Technologies (GVT) of Brentwood, Tennessee. GVT will host the JJOLT application at INFLOW, a co-location facility located in Nashville, TN.

The Bureau of Juvenile Justice provides directly or funds a continuum of prevention, rehabilitation, correctional and reintegration services to juvenile offenders committed or referred to the state by the Family Division of Circuit Courts. It is administered through the FIA, Michigan's public assistance and child welfare agency.

When JJOLT is fully implemented, the FIA will have increased ability to manage the cases of 5,000 delinquent state wards in a variety of living arrangements with a single system. It will consolidate the records for the 16 public FIA/BJJ operated delinquency residential care programs. Additionally, the system will be utilized to track approximately 2500 delinquent youth cared for by private agencies under contract with the FIA. This system is compatible with Wayne County's community juvenile justice network. *(continued)*



JOHN ENGLER, Governor

The new Web-based application will allow for greater information sharing and make it easier for caseworkers to follow progress of young people in the state system. Judge Patricia Gardner, Kent County Family Court judge and chair of Governor Engler's Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Committee made the announcement. The committee oversees federal funds to be used in Michigan to reduce juvenile crime.

"A goal of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Committee is to improve statewide technology regarding juvenile offenders," said Judge Gardner. "We believe this system will be a critical piece of the technology to enable Michigan to continue to reduce crime involving juveniles."

The JJOLT system is a custom application designed to automate and streamline information and provide a case management framework throughout the FIA Bureau of Juvenile Justice. The system will enhance judicial and administrative decision making for judges, prosecutors and court and state juvenile justice administrators. In addition, because the new system is accessed through the Internet, it will require almost no installation at state facilities and other locations and will save the state significant time and money for implementation and operation.

"We are thrilled to provide a system that helps the Michigan Family Independence Agency - Bureau of Juvenile Justice streamline its case management system," said Randy Harmon, president of Global Vision Technologies. "This application will reduce paperwork for both the public and private juvenile justice staff and enable them to devote more individual time and attention to the delinquents in the system. It is great to know we are providing a service that will make it easier for the state to enhance public safety and serve crime victims and youthful offenders."

"Automating this system will allow staff to focus on the needs of the youth, while giving managers better statistical information to analyze workloads and available bed space," said Douglas E. Howard, director of the Michigan Family Independence Agency. "It will save taxpayers dollars and help deliver appropriate services by having sufficient and accurate data to make budgetary and programmatic decisions."

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